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- (b) The Government do not propose to take any action. The supply of cross-belts to sub-inspectors is unnecessary and would involve considerable extra expenditure.

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—“ May I ask the hon. the Law Member what was the opinion expressed by the sub-inspectors, and if they expressed the opinion in favour of having cross-belts ? ”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ Some are in favour of it.”

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—“ I wish to know whether European sergeants in the same grade as sub-inspectors are not supplied with cross-belts, and if so why such cross-belts should be denied to Indians.”

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ They are, Sir.”

The Police Administration Reports.

* 1479 Q.—MR. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state why, while in the administration report of the City Police the subject of political activities is dealt with in a separate chapter, in the Police administration report for the districts the same is dealt with under the part headed ‘ Statistics of crime ’ ?

A.—The arrangement of the administration report is left to the discretion of the Inspector-General of Police and the Commissioner of Police.

State Prisoners.

Bengal State prisoners in Madras jails.

* 1480 Q.—MR. V. PANTULU AYYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Bengal State prisoners Messrs. Das, Ganguly and Gupta are now confined in Trichinopoly and Messrs. Sen, Sirkar and Majumdar at Cannanore or in any of the Madras jails; if so, when they were received in this province and the reasons for the same;

(b) whether it is a fact that Mr. Das ever suffered badly from duodenal ulcer and that Mr. Ganguly from nasal catarrh and cystitis; if so, what arrangements were made by the Government for their treatment;

(c) whether any Civil Surgeon or any other doctor recommended to the Government advocating medical treatment for them and, if so, with what result;

(d) whether it is a fact that the above mentioned State prisoners have been put into punishment cells in this province;

(e) what were the privileges allowed to these detenues in Bengal and Burma and in this province; and

(f) if they were deprived of any of the privileges previously enjoyed by them, the reasons for the same and the authority responsible for it?

A.—(a) Certain prisoners have been transferred to Madras jails; the Government are not prepared to specify the jails in which they are confined or the reasons why they have been transferred to this Presidency.